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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, namely the invention entitled: **KNEE PROTECTION APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT**

described and claimed in international application number PCT/IB2004/000166 filed 23/01/2004.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application(s) filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns within one year prior to my international application are hereby claimed:

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